



### Burglary Prevention Checklist

- Keep the area around your home and garage well lit.
- Install lights that are motion activated or on timers.
- Keep shrubbery around windows and doors trimmed. While they provide privacy, they can give the burglar a place to hide.
- Make sure locks on your doors and windows are secure and use them.
- Install deadbolts on doors, wooden dowels can be used in windows and sliding glass doors.
- Never leave a house key in obvious places like under the door mat, in a planter, or mailbox.
- When on vacation, ask a friend to pick up your mail, newspaper, and mow your lawn or shovel snow.
- Always keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Install a residential burglar alarm.
- Speak to a local alarm company to find what is best for your home.
- Know who your neighbors are and organize a Neighborhood Watch program.
- Make a list of your property along with any serial numbers.
- If you come home and find a window or door ajar or broken, do not go in. Call the Police!

### Personal Safety Checklist

- There is no 100% guarantee that if you take precautions you will be free from crime, but practicing safety measures and principals will lessen the chance.
- Lock the door to your home when you leave or come home. Also lock your car doors the minute you get in.
- Choose well-lit and busy streets. Avoid passing vacant lots, alleys, construction sites, deserted streets, and wooded areas.
- Always be aware and alert. Portray confidence and control.
- Pay attention to your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation or place, leave.
- Avoid places and situations which make you an easy target.
- Flee if you find yourself fearing for your life. Have a plan in mind of what you could do if you are attacked.
- If you are in trouble, use your voice as a weapon. Yell or scream for help.
- Talk your way out of the attack. Use creative responses to confuse the attacker.
- Know your neighborhood. Where are the police and fire stations?
- Carry emergency money for a cab or bus fare and an emergency phone call.
- If you are victimized seek help immediately!



### Vehicle Safety Checklist

- Always lock your vehicle even if you are going to be gone for just a few minutes.
- Do not leave valuables like Cell phone, iPod, GPS, Cash, purse or wallet in plain view.
- If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place items out of sight before reaching your destination or move them inconspicuously.
- Park your vehicle in your garage, driveway, or in well-lit areas.
- Never hide a spare set of keys in or on your vehicle.
- Never leave the title, financial information, or credit card statements in your vehicle. This can lead to identity theft.
- If your vehicle has an alarm or anti-theft device, use it

TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY CALL:

EMERGENCY – 911

NON-EMERGENCY (831) 636-4331

ONLINE REPORTING AT:

<http://www.hollister.ca.gov/Site/html/gov/office/police/crimerpt.asp>

OFFICE ADDRESS: 395 Apollo, Hollister, CA 95023

### Suspicious Activity Examples

- Slow moving vehicles-repetitive or aimless that does not belong in your area or have no purpose.
- Vehicles being loaded with valuables
- Suspicious persons
- Unusual noise or activity
- Open or broken windows or doors
- Unattended vehicles

### Reporting an emergency or suspicious activity:

- Stay calm
- State the problem
- Identify who you are, where you are calling from, and your phone number
- Let the Dispatcher control the conversation
- Stay on the line until the Dispatcher tells you to hang up
- Note the following: Sex, race, age, height, weight, clothing, hair color, facial hair, tattoos.
- Vehicle description: Color, make, body style, license plate number.